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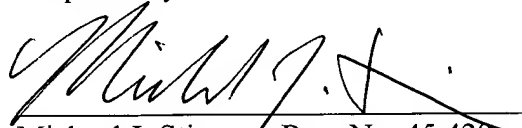
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In response to the Office action mailed December 20, 2005, having a shorted-statutory response period with extensions, extending through and including March 20, 2006, kindly amend the above captioned application as follows. **All amendments and remarks herein are made without prejudice.**

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.


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